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Tucker County OEM Receives Electronic Signs



Tucker County Emergency Management Director Kevin White updates the Tucker County Commission February 28th. White informed the Commission that his office has received electronic signs to assist with relaying emergency and urgent information to motorists around the county.

By: Lydia Crawley *The Parsons Advocate*

Tucker County Emergency Management Director Kevin White addressed the Tucker County Commission on February 28th. White's update included information on electronic signs ordered by the Office of Emergency Management. "Our signs are in," White said. "Highway Safety delivered our portable signs for us."

According to White, his department has completed a preliminary training on the signs, but plans to train others as well. White said the signs are simple to operate. "We did a quick crash course training on them," White said. "I am going to try to set up some other trainings for other people also."

One of the incidents used to secure the grant, according to White, was a hazardous spill that shut down Highway 219 for two weeks. White said his department waited for three days for signs to be delivered during the spill but had the County had the signs in house, they could have been placed in about an hour. According to White, the new signs will be able to be deployed wherever needed in case of future need. "They are going to be quite adequate for what we are going to be needing them for," White said.

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Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau asked if the County would need permission from the Department of Highways to place the signs along the roadways. White said that permission would need to be secured for non emergency use. "Lets say we were going to set them along 219 for whatever purpose other than an emergency situation, it would have to approved by DOH," White said.

Rosenau said he would like to see the signs utilized to stop tractor trailer trucks from traveling dangerous roads in the County. Rosenau said he would like to get into contact with the DOH and start the approval process to use the signs to deter large trucks from traveling roads that are not safe for them to use. "Those are going to be utilized because it is an emergency," Rosenau said. "I don't want tractor trailers going down those roads."

White said that the effectiveness of the signs will be affected by cold temperatures. According to White, the signs will encounter charging issues in winter. White also said the signs have a wind rating and will not be able to be used in high winds due to the potential for the sign to be tipped over and destroyed during excessive gusting. "We do have to be careful where we utilize them at, but they are available to use for whatever we need," White said.



Magistrate Judge Brian K. Wilfong is running for reelection in Tucker County. Wilfong has served as Magistrate for four years.

Meet the Candidate: Magistrate Brian K. Wilfong

By: Lydia Crawley *The Parsons Advocate*

After four years on the bench, Magistrate Judge Brian K. Wilfong is running for reelection. Wilfong, a lifelong resident of Tucker County, has served as Magistrate for Division 2 since 2020.

According to Wilfong, he began his career in law enforcement in 1985 with the Preston County Sheriff's Office with later taking a position with the Tucker County Sheriff in 1989 where he remained until 2008. In 2008, according to Wilfong, he accepted a position as Special Deputy Marshall in Elkins before he became Tucker County Sheriff in 2013, serving two terms.

Wilfong accredits his law enforcement experience and hours in the courtroom as a witness and bailiff with giving him valuable knowledge of the court system. "I got to see how the court ran," Wilfong said. "I got to see the Judge's make their decisions. They made a big impact on me and I learned there that there are two sides to every story."

Wilfong said that while he does not

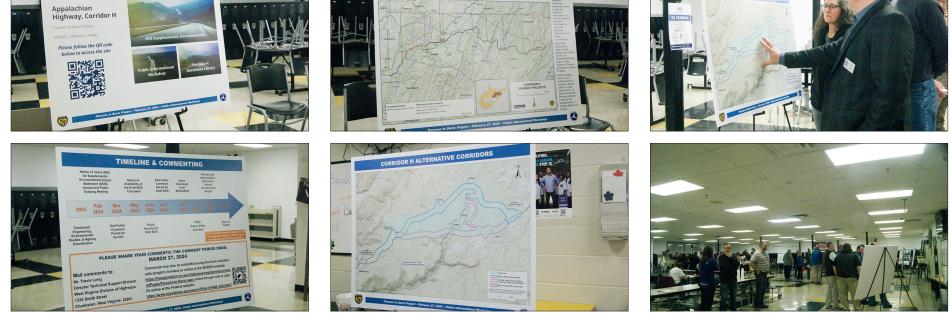
have a law degree, Magistrate Judges are required by the State to take a course in Magistrate Law and required yearly training.

Wilfong said he has worked in Federal, Circuit, Family and Magistrate Courts over the decades. "Throughout my entire career, I have studied, executed and upheld the law," Wilfong said. "I just try to be fair and impartial and judge the case on what the evidence is that comes before me."

According to Wilfong, he considers himself to be a man of integrity, honesty, fairness and morality and holds those beliefs at the forefront of his life. "If elected Magistrate, I will decide cases fairly and impartially, free of political influence or intimidation," Wilfong said.

Wilfong said he has a long lifetime devotion to Tucker County where he currently resides in the Blackman Flats area of Hambleton. Wilfong is a graduate of the Tucker County High School class of 1981 and is married to Chrissy. Wilfong said he has three children and two grandchildren.

WVDOH Hosts Informational Gathering on Corridor H



The West Virginia Department of Highways hosted an informational open house at Tucker County High School on February 27th. The purpose of the open house was to allow the community an opportunity to learn more about the proposed routes of Corridor H from Parsons to Davis. WVDOH staff were on hand to answer community questions and forms were available for community input. Future meetings on the project are slated to be held this summer following the completion of studies on the second proposed "Go North" route.

Tucker County Solid Waste Authority Votes to Move Forward On Renewable Natural Gas Partnership

By: Lydia Crawley *The Parsons Advocate*

The Tucker County Solid Waste Authority voted on February 26th to move forward with plans to partner with Renewable Natural Gas Company to harness, refine and sell natural gas produced at the County Landfill. Jeffery Craig represented the company at the regular session of the board.

Rewable Natural Gas Company has been in talks with the board for over a year. According to Craig, his company will supply all the equipment and personnel to harness, refine and transport methane to the Columbia Pipeline for sale on the open market. Craig also said his company would incur all costs of permitting, design and implementation.



Jeffery Craig from Renewable Natural Gas addresses the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority February 26th. The Solid Waste Authority Board voted to move forward with the company to harness, refine and sell renewable methane natural gas on the site of the County Landfill.

The Solid Waste Authority will be paid a royalty of 13% of the gross

sale of gas from the landfill, according to Craig. Craig had previously reported an estimated royalty payments of \$542,113 in 2025, but could be significantly higher based on the price of gas on the open market.

Tucker County Solid Waste Authority Vice-Chair Dennis Filler said that he has fielded concerns over "dirty gas" being pumped into the pipeline system. While Filler said he had reassured the concerned public members about the process, he felt that if the board had something in writing that they could refer community concerns to, that would help reassure those concerned. "You all get 13% off the top, so before any operating expenses or anything else," Craig said. "Its based on gross revenues."

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News of Record

The following property transfers have been recorded in the Tucker County Clerk's office:

- Jherika Ashley Winkler, of Cresaptown Allegheny, Md., was charged with two counts of shoplifting. The complaint states that on Wednesday, Feb. 7 Deputy C.R. Summerfield of the Tucker County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) received a call from the Sheriff's office regarding a shoplifting complaint at the Davis Shop-n-Save. He arrived on scene and was met by the store manager and obtained a handwritten statement from her. In summary she stated that on Thursday, Feb. 1 the suspect came into the store and was caught shoplifting. She stated that the suspect was in Isle 5 for quite some time and she could be seen picking up products and shoving them into herpants, shirt and purse. She also stated that the suspect checked out and paid for some groceries with her EBT card. When she was leaving employees stopped her in the foyer and asked her to open her purse. When she did they observed two Febreeze sprays, five wax-melts and three plug-ins. The store manager stated that there was more, but the suspect walked into the parking lot before employees could see the rest. She stated that the total of the merchandise stolen, to the best of her knowledge, was \$190. The officer was provided with a USB drive containing security footage of the incident. When viewed he observed a female suspect that appeared to be the suspect in the isle placing items into her purse and shopping cart.
- Gregory Dean Smith, Jr., of Ravenswood, was charged with one count of unlawful taking of vehicle, one count driving under influence of alcohol, one count of obedience to traffic-control devices and one count of

operation without certificate or failure to produce certificate. According to the complaint on Saturday, Feb. 24 Trooper R.S. Musgrave, along with Deputy B. Gidley were dispatched to a domestic at 254 Henry Ave in Davis by Tucker County 911. The officers arrived on scene and made contact with caller. At this time they were advised that the other party involved was Gregory Smith, Jr. who has had multiple law enforcement interactions prior to this incident.

- Musgrave was advised that Smith had left the scene and Tucker County 911 reported there had been a motor vehicle accident on the Appalachian Highway going toward Canaan. Musgrave was advised that Smith was in possession of the caller's vehicle to which he did not have permission or consent to take.
- Musgrave arrived on the scene of the accident and observed a vehicle on the left side of the roadway, over an embankment, in the ditch collided with a pole. Musgrave observed Smith acting in a belligerent manner and acknowledged a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from Smith's person. Upon speaking with Smith he allegedly admitted that he had stolen the vehicle from the caller.
- At this time officers placed him under arrest for the unlawful taking of the vehicle. He had no identification or operators and was transported to the WVSP Parsons detachment in regards to obtain a warrant for Smith's blood. Officers arrived at Davis Medical Center in Elkins and at this time a blood draw kit was collected and a trauma kit was executed to ascertain any injuries Smith might have sustained from the accident, and he was cleared by DMC

medical professionals.

- After release from medical services officers transported Smith to Tygart Valley Regional Jail where he was processed via Live Scan and charged with unlawful taking of a vehicle, DUI, Failure to obey traffic devices and failure to produce operators. He was then remanded into the custody of Division of Corrections.
- All individuals are presumed innocent until proven otherwise in a court of law.

The following property transfers have been recorded in the Tucker County Clerk's office:

- Zachary J. Millimet and Amy C. MIllimet, Dry Fork district, Lot 18 Northface Timberline to Frederick Heath Damron and Mariette Barbier, \$56,000.
- Martin L. Milner and Stephanie T. Milner, Dry Fork District, Unit C-204, Herzwood Condominium to Slopeside Rentals LLC, \$268,648.50.
- Patricia Shupp Kerr and Richard Kerr, Black Fork District, 4.3 acres Roaring Run to Luke M. Rhodes and Bayli D. Rhodes, \$32,500.
- Robert V. Rebois and Margaret J. Rebois, Dry Fork District, Lot 58 Mountainside Timberline 2.19 acres to James C. Shelton and Rachel B. Shelton, \$440,000.
- Paul S. Magness and Meredith J. Magness, Dry Fork District, Lot 52 North Lake IV to Patrick Dowd and Michelle L. Dowd, \$71,000.
- Cable of the Carolinas Inc., Dry Fork District, .123 acres to Matthew S. Shockley and Angie Shockley, \$80,000.
- Carolina Cable Inc., Dry Fork District, 0.08 acres; 3,600 square feet to Matthew S. Shockley and Angie Shockley, \$4,700.

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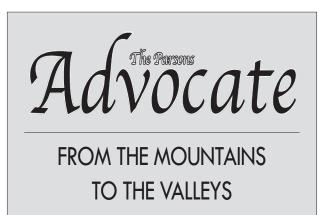
Craig said that with the automated system and refining process, his company would become immediately aware of any problems in the system as soon as they would occur and would be addressed immediately. "We can tell from those well reading whether or not we have a problem at a particular part of the well field," Craig said.

Craig fielded questions from the board about the system's impact on such concerns as landfill smell and future regulation that could see EPA requirements for a landfill gas collection system. Craig said that his company's system will fulfill any future requirement for gas collection, as well as make the board money at the same time without costing the board any money in infrastructure and maintenance. Craig also said the system would eliminate the typical smell of a landfill, as the smell comes from methane which is what the company will be harnessing and refining for sale. "You are generating gas," Craig said. "Right now its just migrating into the atmosphere and sometimes people notice that. When we are done, nobody should notice that because if someone is smelling something that means we are all losing money."

Tucker County Solid Waste Authority Presiding Chair Mark Holstine informed the board that attorneys for both Renewable Natural Gas and the Solid Waste Authority had come to agreement on terms on a gas purchase agreement and lease agreement for the project. The board voted unanimously to have Holstine represent the board in moving forward with the agreements. "What we are going to ask for today is a motion to allow me to execute those agreements and that will start the process," Holstine said.

According to Craig, the collection system should be fully operational by Spring of 2025. Final approval of all plans, according to Craig, will rest with the board. As part of the agreement, Craig said the board has final approval. "The way the agreement is set up, we don't do anything without your approval on this site," Craig said. "That's just the way this works. Its your landfill." The next meeting of the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority will be held on Monday, March 25th at 3 p.m. at the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority Office located at 284 Landfill Road in Davis.

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Child Abuse Awareness Month

We All Can Play a Part in Supporting Strong and Thriving Families

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. MountainHeart Community Services, Inc. encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making every community a better place for children and families. By ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills, and resources that they need to care for their children, we can help prevent child abuse and neglect by creating strong and thriving children, youth, and families in our communities. Research shows that protective factors are present in healthy families. Protective factors are conditions or attributes of individuals, families, communities, or the large society that reduce risk and promote healthy development and wellbeing. Promoting the following protective factors is one of the most effective ways to reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect:

• Nurturing and attachment

• Knowledge of parenting skills and child/youth development

- Social connections
- Concrete support for parents
- Social and emotional competence of children

April is a time to celebrate the important role the communities play in protecting children and strengthening families. Peggy Rittenhouse, Community Resource and Outreach Specialist, stated "Everyone's participation is critical. Focusing on ways to connect with families is the best things our community can do to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect."

In support of these efforts, the Children's Bureau, within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in collaboration with its information service, the Child Welfare Information Gateway, the Office of Child Abuse and Neglect, the FRIENDS National Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention, and over 30 national prevention partners, has created the 2021/2022 Prevention Resource Guild: Strong and Thriving Families, Prevention with a Purpose. The resource Guide, designed for service providers who work throughout the community to support families is available online at: https://www.childwelfare.gov/ topics/preventing/preventionmonth/resources/ resource-guide/

For additional information, please contact the Petersburg office at 304-257-9375.

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She was a member of the

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Visitation will be held

at the Hostetler Funeral

Home on Friday, March

1, 2024, from 1pm until

3pm, the funeral hour.

Bishop Larry McArthur

will officiate, and Olive's

request for cremation

will then be honored.

The Hostetler Funeral

Home has been entrusted

with the arrangements for

Olive Pearl Kisamore.

Send online condolences

to the family at www.

hostetlerfuneralhome.

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OBITUARIES

Carol Joan Foster Thompson

Carol Joan Foster Thompson, age 91 years, a resident of Parsons, WV departed this life Monday, February 26, 2024, at her home surrounded by her loving family and under the care of Mountain Hospice. She had been in declining health.

She was born Tuesday, January 10, 1933, at Rosendorf, WV, a daughter of the late John Daniel Foster. She was married to Henry Olin Thompson, Sr., who preceded her in death December 1975.

Surviving are three sons, Henry Olin Thompson, Jr. and wife Roberta, Charles Daniel "Joe" Thompson and wife Marilyn and Foster Allen Thompson, all of Parsons; five grandchildren, Amber, Carol, Guy, Jr.,



Henry, and Sabrina; several great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death are one daughter, Patricia Ann Bright; two brothers, John and Benjamin Foster; one sister, Eleanor Huffman; and one grandson, William Simpson.

She attended Parsons

High School. She was a world traveler with her husband, as a military wife, with the AirForce. After the age of sixty, she obtained her GED, completed nursing school and worked as a registered nurse at Davis Memorial Hospital and retired from Cortland Acres.

Mrs. Thompson's request for cremation will be honored. Private graveside service will take place at the Parsons City Cemetery at Parsons, WV. The Rev. James Snyder will officiate and inurnment will follow. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Carol Joan Foster Thompson. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

Olive Pearl Kisamore, 69, a resident of the Mt. Zion community, passed from this life Sunday, February 25, 2024, at Davis Medical Center in Elkins.

Olive was born Monday, July 26, 1954, a daughter of the late Guy Kisamore and Mary Olive Ball Kisamore. She was married to the late Henry L. Ross, Jr.

Left to cherish Olive's memory are five children, Henry Laurence Ross, III, Christopher Guy Ross, Sr., Celena Ann Ross, Michael Robert Neilson and Ashley Nicole Neilson, five grandchildren, Christopher Jr., Andrew, Nevaeh, Eilene and Aali-

Olive Pearl Kisamore



yah, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Olive in death besides her parents and husband was an infant baby sister.

Olive attended South Baltimore High School.

Kenneth Lacy Moody

Kenneth Lacy Moody, 84, a resident of Parsons, passed from this life Friday, March 1, 2024, at Nella's at Autumn Lake Healthcare in Elkins and under the care of Mountain Hospice.

Kenneth was born Tuesday, July 4, 1939, on Muddy Creek Mountain in Greenbrier County, a son of the late George Estell Moody, Sr. and Margie Hanna Moody. On May 31, 1959, in Parsons, he married the former Shirley Grace Hardy for the first time, and they were married for twenty-one years. After a thirty-year span apart, he remarried Shirley on June 26, 2010, in Parsons.

Left to cherish Kenneth's memory besides his wife are two sons, Kenneth Lacy Moody, Jr., and wife, Annie of Martinsville, VA, and Jeffrey "Clay" Moody and wife, Penny of Parsons, two grandchildren, Eric Scott Moody and wife, Kelsey of Bruceton Mills, WV and Heather Wade of Martinsville, VA., five



great-grandchildren and one great great-grandchild, a sister, Helen Moody Dosier, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Kenneth in death besides his parents was a brother, George Estell Moody, Jr., and a sister, Emily Faye Moody Estep.

Kenneth attended school in Rainelle and served in the U.S. Air Force for four years during which time he had obtained his GED. He was employed by Georgia Pacific, McClain Printing Company, The Parsons Advocate, and Goodyear Tire as a mechanic until he became disabled. Kenneth enjoyed his family, camping, Bluegrass music, and traveling. He loved his family and taking care of them.

Visitation will be held at Hostetler Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, from 5pm to 7pm. Funeral services will be held from the funeral home chapel on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 1pm. Interment will follow in Parsons City Cemetery where members of the US Air Force Honor Guard, Tucker County Veterans Association, HW Daniels Post #29, American Legion, Tygarts Valley Post #3647, Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct full military honors. The family requests memorial contributions be made in Kenneth's name to Mountain Hospice, 1002 S Crim Ave, Belington, WV 26250 or www.mountainhospice. com/donate. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Kenneth Lacy Moody, Sr. Send online condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.

Treasurer Moore Announces Opening of Hope Scholarship 2024-2025 Application **Period for New Students**

Families Must Apply by June 15 to Receive 100% Full-Year Award Amount of \$4,921.39

CHARLESTON, W.Va. -State Treasurer Riley Moore, who serves as Chairman of the Hope Scholarship Board, today announced applications for new students to apply for the Hope Scholarship for the 2024-2025 academic year, which begins this fall, will be available online beginning Friday, March 1.

"We've seen tremendous interest and participation in the Hope Scholarship over the past school year, and we're excited to start the application process for new students for the upcoming year," Treasurer Moore said. "This will be the first full academic year to feature our yearround application and prorated funding model, which will offer greater access and flexibility for the program and the families who choose to participate in it."

Applications are available online at www.HopeScholarshipWV.com.

Last year, the Board received more than 6,300 applications during the initial enrollment period. In December, Board members approved a new yearround application model that begins with the 2024-2025 school year which will allow families to apply for the program throughout the school year featuring prorated scholarship award amounts depending on when they apply. Under this new timetable, a student application submitted within the following dates will receive the associated level of Hope Scholarship funding:

March 1-June 15: 100% of Hope Scholarship annual award amount.

- annual award amount.

will give families more time to decide which education pathway works best for their child, while also giving them more flexibility in case they decide to go in a different direction during the school year," Treasurer Moore said. "If you want to receive the full scholarship amount for next year, we do need to encourage you to submit the application by June 15 so that it can be reviewed and approved in enough time to meet the statutory August 15 deadline for us to deposit funds into your account."

Existing Hope Scholarship students are required to reapply each year, and the renewal application period for those students began in January. The deadline for existing Hope Scholarship students to submit renewal applications is also June 15. The Hope Scholarship award amount varies each school year depending on the amount of state aid funding per pupil provided to county boards of education for public school students. The scholarship amount for the 2024-25 school year will be

\$4.921.39

- June 16-Sept. 15: 75% of Hope Scholarship
- of Hope Scholarship annual award amount.
- of Hope Scholarship

- Sept. 16-Nov. 30: 50%
- Dec. 1-Feb. 28: 25%
- annual award amount. "This new funding model

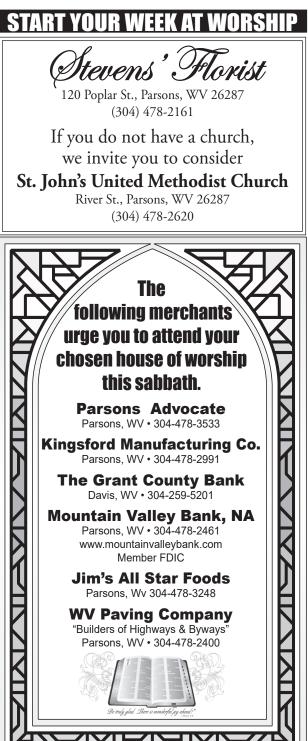
The Hope Scholarship Program is an education savings

account program available for kindergarten through 12th grade students. It is designed to allow parents and families to receive an amount equal to the state portion of their child's education funding to tailor an individualized learning experience that works best for their child.

To qualify for the Hope Scholarship, a student must be a West Virginia resident and be either:

- Eligible to be enrolled in a kindergarten program.
- Enrolled full-time in a public elementary or secondary school program in this state for the entire instructional term during the current academic year (2023-2024)
- immediately preceding the academic year for which the student is applying to participate
- Program. Or, enrolled full-time and attending a public

in the Hope Scholarship



elementary or secondary school program in this state for at least 45 calendar days during an instructional term at the time of application and remain enrolled and attending public school until a decision is reached on the student's Hope Scholarship application.

In addition to filling out the application, state law also requires participating families to fill out a notice of intent to participate in the program with their local county superintendent. A sample template for that notice is also available online at the program's website.

Families are reminded to notify the Hope Scholarship Board via email at hopescholarshipwv@wvsto.gov if they are awarded the Hope Scholarship for 2024-2025 but ultimately decide to remain in public school.

For more information on the Hope Scholarship, visit www. HopeScholarshipWV.com.

Parsons High School Alumni Association Seeks Volunteers

According to the PHS Alumni Constitution, the Parsons High School Alumni Association was formed to promote fellowship among the alumni, to sponsor annual reunions, to keep alumni informed about activities of PHS alumni, and to promote activities whereby the good reputation of PHS will be enhanced. The current members are working on the 51st Annual Celebration Banquet to be held on Saturday, May 25, 2024.

Attendees at the banquet enjoy socializing and partaking of a good meal together. Classes being honored this year are 1944, 1954, 1964, and 1974. Class lists are maintained each year and invitations are sent out to known addresses. To follow on Facebook, the group is Parsons High School Alumni Association.

There is currently a small group of members who handle all the festivities, and they could use some help. If you interested in helping the association with carrying on the PHS legacy, please drop a line to PO Box 51, Parsons, WV 26287 or attend the next meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at the Grand Slam Grill at 1:00.

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SENIOR NEWS

Because it is getting closer to Spring, we'd like to remind you of some of the activities going on at our Senior Centers. Our Parsons Center has Bingo on Tuesdays after lunch until approximately 1:00 p.m. They serve lunch every week day from 11:30 to 12:30. Our monthly Outpost (covered-dish dinner) is held on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Our Goldenaires Choir sings every Thursday from 10:30 to 11:30. Something new-we will be starting a chair exercise class on Wednesdays beginning on March13, 2024. This will be gentle movements with stretches. There will be nothing done on the floor, just sitting and standing. We'd love to have lots of people join us at noon until about 12:30 p.m.

Our Mt. Top Center has Bingo every Tuesday and Thursday and covered dish dinners (Outpost) every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Their next one is scheduled for March 13, 2024. They serve lunch on Mondays through Fridays for a suggested donation. For more information about activities there, please call 304-463-4425.

Our Outpost at Flanagan Hill will begin again on Wednesday, March 27, 2024. We will meet there at noon on the 4th Wednesday from March until October.

We will start having our Outpost at St. George Community Church on April 18, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. These will be held every 3rd Thursday from April until November.

Both of our centers, Parsons and Mt. Top, will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Thursday, March 14,2024. Please join us for the "Wearin' of the Green."

On Thursday, March 28, 2024 both centers will be celebrating Easter. We are hoping that the Easter Bunny will make an appearance. We may also be having a small Easter egg hunt.

If you have any suggestions for other activities or programs you would like to see us begin at our Senior Centers, please contact our Director, Tim Turner, at 304-478-2423.





March 12, 1850: Wheeling Hospital was chartered. During the Civil War, the institution was used as a general military hospital. The Sisters of Saint Joseph were hired as army nurses, treating wounded Union and Confederate soldiers side by side.



March 10, 1920: West Virginia became the 34th state to ratify the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guaranteed the right of women to vote.

Charleston WV – The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

March 6, 1820: Joseph H. Diss Debar was born in France. Diss Debar was the designer of the Great Seal of West Virginia and the state's first commissioner of immigration.

March 6, 1828: Johnson Camden was born in Lewis County. In 1861, he opened one of the state's first oil wells, in Wirt County, and a refinery in Parkersburg in 1869. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1881.

March 6, 1900: A mine explosion at the Red Ash Mine in Fayette County killed 46 men. It was the state's first major mine disaster of the 20th century. Five years later, another 24 men were killed at the same mine.

men were saved by barricading themselves in the mine.

March 8, 1963: The state colors of blue and "old gold" were adopted by the legislature.

March 9, 1832: George Robert Latham was born. At the onset of the Civil War, Latham turned his Grafton law office into a recruiting station, and he led the first Union troops in north-central West Virginia.

March 9, 1953: Football player Dennis Harrah was born in South Charleston. In the NFL, Harrah played in 168 games for the Los Angeles Rams (1975-87), was a sixtime All Pro, and played in one Super Bowl.

March 9, 1965: President Lyndon John-

By Teri Cayton

The Parsons Advocate

Stupid is a very harsh word but when you see people doing things that you just can't explain what else explains it? I just can't get over the newest generation of people that have no common sense. Why can't they just stop what they are doing and think things through. Momma Said, "It is not that hard and all they have to do is use a little of the gray matter between their ears."

I don't know how things are getting done these days, all I know is that it may be getting done but not getting done correctly. These days it is quantity not quality, how fast can you get things done for the cheapest way possible. When I was a kid people had pride in their work and when a job was done it lasted for years. Now it is shoddy work that may last a few years at best.

The younger generations see things being done this way every day and they assume that it is the way it should be, but you know what happens when you



assume things, it makes an ASS out of U and ME. It makes my heart hurt to see things done wrong or poorly and I just want to jump in and say, "Hey if you did this or that it would make the job and lot easier and have a better ending result.

I just have to bite my tongue and say farewell to pride in jobs being done and a sense of accomplishment when a task is completed. Momma Said, "It is a trait that is in the rearview mirror and fading fast." And people don't look back anymore and appreciate what is being lost it is "Full speed ahead and damn the torpedoes." If you don't recognize that phrase just Google it and see what pride really means.

Overnight Breakfast Casserole Ingredients

Ingredients

- 12 large eggs
- ³/₄ cup whole milk
- ¹/₂ cup heavy cream

• 1 pound uncased ground sausage, cooked

• 2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese

• 1 cup defrosted and drained frozen spinach (or veggies of your choice)

- ¹/₂ medium onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 4 cups cubed, stale bread

Instructions

• Preheat the oven to 375°F (190°C) and butter a 9x13-inch baking dish. Set aside.

• In a large bowl, whisk eggs, milk, and cream until well beaten.

• Stir in the cooked sausage, cheese, spinach, onion, garlic, salt, and pepper.

• Finally, stir in the bread cubes until well coated and transfer to your prepared pan.

• Let the mixture sit on the counter for at least 30 minutes to allow the bread to absorb the liquid. Press down the bread so it is submerged in the liquid. (Note: you can make this up the night before and allow it to soak overnight in the fridge.)

• Bake for about 45 minutes, until the casserole is slightly puffed and firm and a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.

• Let the dish rest for 10 minutes before serving. Store leftovers in the refrigerator for up to 3 days. To reheat, cover and place in a 300°F (150°C) oven for 15 minutes or warm up in the microwave.

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March 7, 1856: Tucker County was formed from Randolph County and named for Henry St. George Tucker Sr., a Virginia soldier, statesman and jurist.

March 7, 1929: The legislature adopted the official state flag. The state's coat of arms is emblazoned in color in the center. Above the seal is a red ribbon lettered "State of West Virginia," and a wreath of rhododendron surrounds the lower part of the seal. The white field of the flag is bordered on four sides by a strip of blue.

March 7, 1990: West Virginia teachers went on strike after negotiations with the governor's office and legislature failed to produce an agreement on a pay package. Teachers in 47 of the 55 counties were involved in the 11-day strike.

March 8, 1926: An explosion killed 19 miners at Eccles in Raleigh County. Ten

son signed the act establishing the Appalachian Regional Commission.

March 10, 1915: West Virginia's first Rotary International club was established in Wheeling.

March 11, 1847: Boone County was formed from parts of Logan, Kanawha and Cabell counties and named for Daniel Boone.

March 11, 1848: Putnam County was formed from portions of Kanawha, Mason and Cabell counties. It was named in honor of Gen. Israel Putnam, a leading commander at the Battle of Bunker Hill during the Revolutionary War.

March 11, 1856: Roane County was created from parts of Kanawha, Jackson and Gilmer counties. It was named for Judge Spencer Roane, a son-in-law of Patrick Henry.

March 12, 1835: Marshall County was created from part of Ohio County. It was named for John Marshall, chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

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Tucker Boys Win Sectional Final Over East Hardy 49-43



Tucker County Boys' Basketball Team – Region 2 Section 1 Champions. Photo by Brittany Channell.

By Dave Helmick

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HAMBLETON - The Mt. Lions hosted a first round Sectional game against Union on Monday February 26th. Tucker County jumped out to an early first quarter lead enroute to a 62-40 victory.

In the first quarter the Mt. Lions controlled the game with a 23-10 advantage after the period. Union would then fight back in the second as they outscored Tucker County 12-7 to cut into the Mt. Lions lead to make the score 30-22 Tucker County at halftime.

The Mt. Lions responded in the third quarter as they surged to a 16-9 scoring edge to increase the Tucker County lead to 46-31 after three. In the final quarter the Mt. Lions continued to score as they would outpace the Tigers 16-9 to make the final score of the contest 62-40 Tucker County.

The Mt. Lions were led in scoring by Ethan Rosenau with 22 points and Owen Knotts added 12 points, 10 rebounds. Garrett Wilfong had 12 points, 9 rebounds and Trevon Bonner chipped in with 10 points in the Tucker County win. Maddox Anderson dished out a team high 7 assists for the Mt. Lions in the win.

KEYSER - Tucker County traveled to Keyser High School on Thursday February 29th for the Sectional Championship against East Hardy. The Mt. Lions built 13-16 in Charleston, WV. For more info go to Tuckera big lead in the first half and then Tucker County fought

off a Cougars comeback attempt to get the win by the final score of 49-43.

The Mt. Lions jumped ahead in the first quarter as they led after one quarter 16-11. In the second quarter Tucker County continued to build on their lead as they outscored East Hardy 17-8 to put the halftime score at 33-19.

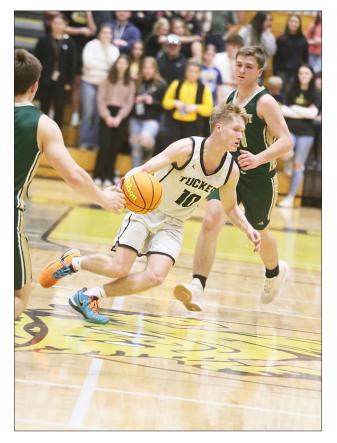
The Cougars started to fight back in the third quarter as they chipped away at the Mt. Lions lead as they outscored Tucker County 14-7 to make the score 40-33 Mt. Lions after three quarters. The Cougars then continued to score in the fourth quarter as they got the score down to 40-39 with 3:08 left in the fourth. Tucker County would keep the lead over East Hardy throughout as the Cougars got within 4 points on two different occasions at 42-38(2:36) and 45-41(0:48). The Mt. Lions would make their foul shots down the stretch to hold on to win the game 49-43 and win the Sectional Championship.

Trevan Bonner led Tucker County with 18 points and Ashton Lycliter added 12 points, 7 rebounds. Garrett Wilfong pulled down a team high 9 rebounds for the Mt. Lions and Owen Knotts collected 8 rebounds for Tucker County.

Tucker County(20-3) was scheduled to play in the Regional Co-Final at home against Tygarts Valley on Tuesday March 5th. The winner of that game will qualify for the WV Boys' Basketball State Tournament March



The Mt. Lions player Maddox Anderson drives by the East Hardy player. Tucker County won the game 49-43. Photo by Brittany Channell.



Tucker County's Trevan Bonner dribbles the ball

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against East Hardy. The Mt. Lions won the contest 49-43. Photo by Brittany Channell.

Lady Mt. Lions Win Regional **Championship Over Pendleton 77-40**

By Chris George TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON - The Tucker County Girls' Basketball team hosted Pendleton County on Tuesday February 27th. The Lady Mt. Lions got the lead in the first quarter and pulled away for a 70-44 victory to capture the Regional Championship.

Tucker County would dominate the first quarter as they led after one quarter 23-10. The Lady Mt. Lions continued to control the game in the second quarter as they outscored the Lady Wildcats 22-8 to make the halftime score 45-18 Tucker County.

In the third quarter the Lady Mt. Lions would outscore Pendleton County 19-13 to build on their lead and the score would go to 64-31 Tucker County after three quarters. The visiting Lady Wildcats would also get outscored in the fourth quarter 13-9 as the Lady Mt. Lions captured the win 77-40 to secure their 20th consecutive State Tournament berth.

Raven Matthews led the Lady Mt. Lions with 13 points, 13 rebounds and Brylee Wetzel had 12 points. Katie Hicks added 11 points, 6 assists, 5 steals and Macy Helmick had 10 points, 7 assists for Tucker County. Makenna Evans chipped in with 10 points and Ericka Zirk pulled down 10 rebounds for Tucker County in the win.

#3 Tucker County(19-5) will play in the WV Girls' State Tournament today against #6 Tyler Consolidated at 9:30am. The winner of this game will play the winner of #2 Gilmer County / #7 Riverview in the Semi-Finals on Friday March 8th at 7:15pm. The Class "A" Championship game will be played on Saturday March 9th at 5pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



2024 Regional Champions, Tucker County Girls' Basketball team. Photo by Kelly Helmick.

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WV spring fire season, burning restrictions return March 1

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - The start of West Virginia's annual spring fire season on Friday, March 1 marks the return of burning restrictions.

The West Virginia Division of Forestry (WV DOF) reminds residents to confine their outdoor burning to the hours of 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. according to the West Virginia State Code Chapter 20-3-5. Fires set during that time must be put out before 7 a.m.

"Since January 1 we have responded to 95 fires that have burned approximately 389.1 acres, ' said State Forester Jeremy Jones, WV DOF.

Statewide burning restrictions will remain in effect until the close of the spring fire season on May 31. The Division of Forestry has issued burning guidelines on its website at wvforestry. com/fire-laws.

Regulations include:

• All fires must have a safety strip.

• The safety strip itself must be cleared of burnable material and be at least 10 feet wide.

• Fire must be attended until completely extinguished.



• Only vegetative materials such as leaves, brush and yard clippings are permitted to be burnt.

• Spark-throwing machinery such as power shovels or sawmills operating on land subject to

fire must contain an adequate spark arrestor.

• Inflammable waste disposal areas must annually remove all grass, brush, debris, and other inflammable material adjacent to disposal areas to provide adequate protection, preventing the escape of fire to adjacent lands.

"Our fire laws protect one of West Virginia's most valuable resources: our forests," Jones said. "We urge everyone who decides to burn anything outside to be completely familiar with the guidelines available on our website. During the spring months it doesn't take long for our fuels to dry out and fires to escape easily."

Commercial burning during prohibited periods requires a permit, which are issued by local WVDOF offices. A permit is required for each commercial burning site.

Any person or company who causes a fire on any grass or forest land must reimburse the state for costs to suppress the fire. Fines for forest fires caused by negligence range from \$100 to \$1,000 with an additional civil penalty of \$200.

Red Cross Month kicks off to honor community heroes

Join the annual celebration by donating on Red Cross Giving Day (March 27), giving blood, volunteering or taking a lifesaving skills course

MORGANTOWN, WV, Feb. 29, 2024-The American Red Cross, Central Appalachia Region's Allegheny Highlands Chapter is kicking off its annual Red Cross Month celebration in March to honor local community heroes who help ensure their neighbors never face crises alone.

Red Cross Month is a national tradition that began in March 1943 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued the first Red Cross Month proclamation — and each U.S. president has followed ever since. "During Red Cross Month, we are proud to honor the people in our community who step up to support one another when help can't wait during emergencies," said Erica Mani, Regional Chief Executive of the Red Cross Central Appalachia Region. "This relief and hope wouldn't be possible without these local heroes."

The Red Cross, Allegheny Chapter thanks Upshur County, which has declared March as Red Cross Month. A special proclamation presentation is happening this morning at 9a.m. before the Upshur County Commission, 91 West Main Street, Ste. 101 Buckhannon, WV 26201.

Join the Red Cross Month celebration by visiting redcross.org/car to make a financial donation, give blood, become a volunteer, or take a lifesaving skills course. Those who donate at redcross. org/givingday on March 27 will be part of the 10th annual Red Cross Giving Day, which aims to rally 30,000 supporters nationwide to help provide shelter, food, relief items, emotional support and other assistance for people affected by disasters big and small.

As we approach the final weeks of winter, the public is urged to book a time to donate blood now as we continue to strengthen the blood supply heading into spring. Much like pets provide comfort and support, so does the Red Cross in local communities. As a thank-you for providing comfort during Red Cross Month, all who come to give blood March 1-24 will get a \$10 e-gift card to a pet supply merchant of choice, plus automatically be entered for a chance to win a \$3,000 gift card. There will be five winners. See rcblood.org/Pets for details.

HELP CAN'T WAIT WHEN EMERGENCIES STRIKE Volunteers comprise 90% of the national Red Cross workforce to power its lifesaving mission, along with generous blood and financial donors; people trained in skills like first aid and CPR; and other supporters. Below are some of the ways that local Red Crossers have delivered relief with the Red Cross in times of crisis:

- Assisted more than 160 families who experienced a disaster
- Installed close to 100 free smoke alarms in • local homes
- ٠ Collected almost 11,000 units of lifesaving blood
- ٠ Trained nearly 6,000 people in first air, CPR and AED skills

JOIN A REWARDING DAY OF GIVING BACK Home fires are the most frequent disaster response for the Red Cross, which is also working to help families stay safe by installing free smoke alarms during its Sound the Alarm home fire safety events in at-risk communities. Volunteers are needed - register and learn more at redcross.org/car-sound-the-alarm.

The Clarksburg History Museum Starting Spring Tours from April - June.

The success of last fall's Stonewall Jackson and Union Bank building sites to name a few. Civil War Tour prompted us to expand on new tours for this Spring with the Historical Marker, Heritage Craft Co-op, CCC Museum Tour and the 4-Cemetery, Oak Mound Site Tour. The 16 Historical Marker, Heritage Craft Co-op, and CCC Museum Tour consist of historical markers that are located around Clarksburg such as Kelly Miller School, John W. Davis, and Nathan Goff Jr. homesite, Empire, Community,

A visit to the Heritage Craft Co-op and CCC

tour are April 20, May 18, and June 15.

The Stonewall Jackson Civil War Tour will Museum in Quiet Dell where they will be serv- continue with visits to the Civil War Trenches on Lowndes Hill with stops at the Waldomore, Jackson Birthplace, Harrison County Court House, and more sites of interest. All tours start at the History Museum followed by bus rides to all the local places of interest. The cost is \$25.00 for the Jackson and 4 Cemetery Tours. We have lunch at a local restaurant in Clarksburg and lunch is on your own. The Historical Marker Tour has lunch at the Heritage Craft Co-op and the cost is \$35.00.

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I have before me the accounts of the Executor or Administrator of the estates of the following deceased persons:

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Pamela J. Poling	Kevin D. Poling
1st publication 3/6/24	PO Box 133
2nd publication 3/13/24	Hendricks, WV 26271
Mary V. Crowl	Jordan DelSignore
1st publication 3/6/24	PO Box 283
2nd publication 3/13/24	Bayard, WV 26707
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Claims against any estate must be filed within sixty days of the date of first publication. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint to the Tucker County Commission, Tucker County Clerk, 211 First St., Suite 205, Parsons, WV. Any person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court must be filed with County Commission within sixty days after the date of first publication or thirty days of service of the notice, whichever is later.

ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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(2022-C-000007 - TUCKER COUNTY - GARY LUZIER OR MARGARET LUZIER)

To: JAMES STREETS, BILL SNYDER, PATTY SNYDER, JUNIOR STREETS, JOSHUA SHAHAN, HEATHER SHAHAN, THE HEIRS OF MARGARET STREETS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO ARTHUR BUCKHOLTZ, ROBERT BUCKHOLTZ, RANDY BUCKHOLTZ, DEBORAH WALTERS, TAMMY MCDOWELL AND TERRY BUCKHOLTZ, THE HEIRS OF KENNETH STREETS, INCLUD-ING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SHERRY STREETS, THE HEIRS OF ASA MORRIS STREETS, THE HEIRS OF ROBERT DALE STREETS, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property

DISTRICT BLACK FORK MAP 323 PARCEL 0009 0000 0000

You will take notice that GARY LUZIER OR MARGARET LUZIER, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Cert. No. 2022-C-000007, located in BLACK FORK District, LOT 2 PORTER-WOOD 50 X 140, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of POPCORN PROPERTIES LLC, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of TUCKER County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on June 27, 2023. GARY LUZIER OR MARGARET LUZIER requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after August 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before July 31, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with	\$ 156.09
interest, for tax year ticket number 2021-1107	
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for	\$ 0.00
ticket number.	
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022-1232.	\$ 71.82
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 145.70
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service,	\$ 868.49
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order,	\$ 1,242.10
certified or personal check.	
You may redeem at any time before July 31, 2024 by paying the above total less	
any unearned check.	
Given under my hand February 13, 2024	
G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.	
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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and	
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Please return this letter and payment to the	
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ing a lunch. Dates for these tours are May 11 and June 8.

The 4 -Cemetery and Oak Mound Site Tour will consist of touring and historical information about Daniel Davisson, Former Odd Fellows, Jackson, and Elkview Cemeteries along with interesting history of the people buried there. A stop at the famous Oak Mound and its history. Dates for this

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA IN THE MATTER OF CHANGE OF NAME OF Leah Jo Barbor TO THE NAME OF Leah Jo Turgeon Civil Action No. 24-P-1

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that one the 15th day of March, 2024, at the hour of 9:45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the undersigned will apply to the Circuit Court of Tucker County, West Virginia, for the entry of an order by said court to change the name of the undersigned petitioner, Leah Jo Barbor to the name of Leah Jo Turgeon. Any party that can show good cause why the name should not be changed may appear at that time and object to the change of name.

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For more information on booking a tour call 304 641-4549 or stop by the Clarksburg History Museum Tuesday - Saturday 10 am - 4 pm.

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Tucker County Democratic Convention to be held 3/16/24 at 3:00 PM at Rudolph's, 300 Highway 32 (Front Street) Thomas, WV 26292, to elect seven delegates & alternates to state convention. All Democrats in the county are invited. The following delegates are allotted by magisterial districts: Two to magisterial district 1; two to magisterial district 2; three to magisterial district 3. Temporary chair is Michael McClintock

STOCKHOLDER'S MEETING

A meeting of the Stockholder of Miners & Merchants Bank of Thomas, West Virginia, will be held at the Bank's Main Office Building located at 16000 Appalachian Highway, Thomas, West Virginia, on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, beginning at 1:00 p.m., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and transacting any other business that may properly come before the meeting. Given under my hand this 15th day of February, 2024. Jennifer Newland

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The West Virginia Division of Corrections & Rehabilitation is seeking documents from qualified Architectural Engineer Firms to establish a contract via an Expression of Interest (EOI) for Air Systems and Building Automation Control Systems at: 1 - Lakin Correctional Center & Jail (LCC&J) located at 11264 Ohio River Road, West Columbia, WV 25287, Mason County WV, 2 - Eastern Regional Jail & Correctional Facility - Building No. 2 (ERJ&CF-B2) located at 38 Grapevine Road, Martinsburg, WV 25401, Berkeley County WV, 3 - Salem Correctional Center & Jail (SCC&J) - Building B located at 7 Industrial Blvd, Industrial, WV 26426, Doddridge & Harrison County WV, 4 - Donald R. Kuhn Juvenile Center (DRKJC) located at 1 Lory Place, Julian, WV 25529, Boone County WV, 5 - James H. "Tiger" Morton Juvenile Center (JHTMJC) located at 60 Manfred Holland Way, Dunbar, WV 25064, Kanawha County WV, 6 - J.M. "Chick" Buckee Juvenile Center (JMCBJC) located at 144 Jerry Lane, Augusta, WV 26704, Hampshire County WV, 7 - Kenneth Honey Rubenstein Juvenile Center (KHRJC) located at 141 Forestry Camp Road, Davis, WV 26260, Tucker County WV, 8 - Lorrie Yeager Juvenile Center (LYJC) located at 907 Mission Drive, Parkersburg, WV 26101, Wood County WV, 9 - Robert L. Shell Juvenile Center (RLSJC) located at 2 O'Hanlon Place, Barboursville, WV 25504, Cabell County WV, 10 - Sam Perdue Juvenile Center (SPJC) located at 843 Shelter Road, Princeton, WV 24739, Mercer County WV, AEOI 0608 DCR2400000001. Expression of Interest (EOI) documents are due by 10:30 a.m. EST on March 22, 2024 and accepted via WVOASIS. The bid documents can be viewed via WVOASIS at http://www.wvoasis.gov vendor self-service portal. Questions concerning bid, please contact Philip.K.Farley@wv.gov







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2024 Opening Dates Announced for Monongahela National Forest Recreation Sites

Elkins, W.Va., March 1, 2024 — The approaching arrival of spring brings excitement for camping, hiking, and experiencing Monongahela National Forest. Preparations are underway to open favorite recreation sites across the landscape. Recreation and getting outside improves our moods, relieves stress and makes us happier people. Come out and play in the Forest!

Below is the 2024 opening dates for developed recreation sites. These dates may change based on local conditions. Visit the Mon's Recreation Conditions Report at https://www.fs.usda.gov/ recmain/mnf/recreation for the most current information.

Campground and picnic shelter reservations for some sites may be made at www.recreation.gov. Roadside camping, also called dispersed camping or boondocking, is available in many areas of the Forest year-round. Call local offices listed below for details.

Important safety reminder - the lack of cell phone service at Monongahela National Forest is something to consider when trip planning, but with a little preparation, you can unplug and still have a safe and fun trip. Learn about recreating safely and responsibly on your national forest at https://www.fs.usda.gov/visit/know-before-yougo/responsible-recreation.

Opening dates for recreation sites on Cheat-Potomac Ranger District (304-478-2000) in the Elkins and Parsons areas:

- Bear Heaven Campground April 15
- Horseshoe Recreation Area May 13

· Lower Glady Dispersed Camping (Forest Road 162) - Area opens when snow-free; toilets open April 15

• Stuart Recreation Area – April 19

Opening dates for recreation sites on Cheat-Potomac Ranger District (304-257-4488) in the Petersburg and Seneca Rocks areas:

• Big Bend Campground – April 12

• Dolly Sods Picnic Area – April 15, weather permitting

• Forest Road 19 in the Dolly Sods area – April 1, weather permitting

• Forest Road 75 in the Dolly Sods area – April 15, weather permitting

· Gandy Creek Dispersed Camping (County Route 29) - Area opens when snow-free; toilets open April 15

• Gatewood Group Campground – April 19

- Jess Judy Group Campground April 12 • Red Creek Campground – April 15, weather permitting
 - Seneca Rocks Discovery Center April 5
 - Seneca Rocks Picnic Area April 1
- Seneca Shadows Campground April 12
- Spruce Knob Lake Lake open year-round; toilets open April 15
 - Spruce Knob Lake Campground April 19

• Spruce Knob Observation Tower – Area opens when snow-free; toilets open April 15

Opening dates for recreation sites on Greenbrier Ranger District (304-456-3335) in the Bartow area:

• Gaudineer Knob Picnic Area – Area opens when snow-free; toilets open April 15

• Island Campground – April 15

• Lake Buffalo - Lake open year-round; toilets open April 15

- Laurel Fork Campground April 15
- Little River Dispersed Camping (Forest Road 17) – Area opens when snow-free

• Middle Mountain Cabins – April 15

- Mower Tract Dispersed Camping (Forest Road 227) – Area opens when snow-free
- Old House Run Picnic Area April 14
- Stonecoal Dispersed Camping (Forest Road 209) – Currently closed for construction.

Opening dates for recreation sites on the Gauley Ranger District (304-846-2695) in the Richwood area:

• Bear Run Dispersed Camping (Forest Road 223) – Area opens when snow-free

- Big Rock Campground March 29
- Bishop Knob Campground April 19
- Cranberry Campground March 29

• Cranberry Glades Boardwalk - Boardwalk open year-round; toilets open April 12

- Cranberry Mountain Nature Center April 15
- Cranberry River Developed Dispersed Campsites – Area opens when snow-free; toilets open March 29

• Falls of Hills Creek - Area opens when snowfree; toilets open April 12

• North Bend Picnic Area – April 5

• Summit Lake – Lake open year-round; toilets open April 5

- Summit Lake Campground April 5
- · Third Bridge and North Bend Dispersed

Camping (State Route 55) - Area opens when snow- free

• Williams River Developed Dispersed Campsites (sites #1 to #6, #8 to #20) - Area opens when snow-free; toilets open March 29.

• Woodbine Picnic Area – April 5

Opening dates for recreation sites on the Marlinton-White Sulphur Ranger District (304-799-4334) in the Marlinton area:

Day Run Campground – March 29

• Highland Scenic Highway - Road opens when snow-free.

- Pocahontas Campground April 12
- Rimel Picnic Area March 29
- Tea Creek Campground March 29

• Williams River Developed Dispersed Campsites (sites #21 to #30) - Area opens when snowfree; toilets open March 29

• Williams River Fishing Pier – Area opens when snow-free; toilet open March 29

Opening dates for recreation sites on the Marlinton-White Sulphur Ranger District (304-536-2144) in the White Sulphur Springs area:

• Anthony Creek Dispersed Camping (State Route 21/2) – Area opens when snow-free

• Blue Bend Recreation Area - Campground and small pavilion opens March 29. Large Pavilion opens May 17.

- Blue Meadow Group Campground May 17
- Hopkins Mountain Fireman's Cabin April 12

• Lake Sherwood Recreation Area boat ramp and trailhead – open year-round

• Lake Sherwood Recreation Area entrance road dispersed camping (State Route 14) - opens when snow-free

• Lake Sherwood Recreation Area West Shore Camping Loop – April 12

• Lake Sherwood Recreation Area remaining campground loops, group camping, picnic area, picnic pavilion and swimming beach - May 20. Day Use fee will be charged beginning May 20.

For more information about recreation facilities, contact the District Office near the location you would like to visit. Contact information is listed at https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/mnf/ about- forest/offices.

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